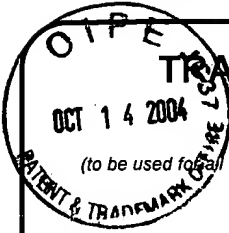
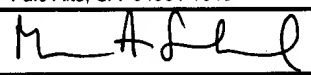
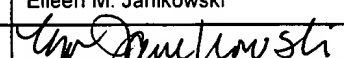


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 23, 2004, Applicants elect Group I, identified by the Examiner as Claims 1-9.

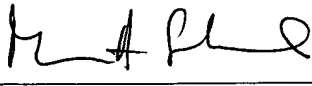
Further, Applicants would like to traverse the restriction requirement with regard to claim 20. The Examiner indicates that the claims of Group I are directed to processes of performing an initial copy procedure by adjusting or configuring the speed of data transmission across the network path. Applicants respectfully point out that claim 20 is directed to "a remote copy system" having a "network path capable to be configured to increase or decrease the speed of data transmission." Accordingly, Applicants request that claim 20 be included and examined with claims 1-9 as part of Group I.

The undersigned authorizes any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0150. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

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